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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JEWISH COMMUNITY APPROACHES EMBASSY RE ANTI-SEMITIC  
PUBLICATION

1. ROBERTO STEIN, LEADER OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GUATEMALA(WHICH NUMBERS SEVERAL THOUSAND), HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY TO DISCUSS FULL-PAGE PAID ADVERTISEMENT IN OCTOBER 31 LA NACION WHICH ATTRIBUTES STRONG ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, QUOTE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FRANKLIN, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE AD WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE "DIARY OF CHARLES PINSKEY"(PERHAPS PINCKNEY) PUBLISHED IN 1789 INCLUDES AMONG OTHER THINGS, WARNING THAT JUDAISM IS "GRAVE DANGER" FOR US; THAT WHEREVER JEWS HAVE GONE MORAL LEVEL AND COMMERCIAL HONESTY HAVE SERIOUSLY DECLINED; THAT IF PALESTINE WERE EVER RETURNED TO THE JEWS THEY WOULD NOT RETURN THERE, AS THEY ARE VAMPIRES AND SUCH VAMPIRES CANNOT LIVE WITH EACH OTHER BUT MUST LIVE AMONG CHRISTIANS OR OTHERS WHO ARE NOT OF THEIR RACE; AND CALLS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL EXCLUSION OF JEWS FROM US. AD IS SIGNED BY JOSE LEON CASTANEDA WHO, STEIN SAYS, IS NOT KNOWN TO JEWISH COMMUNITY.

2. STEIN SAID JEWISH COMMUNITY MOST UPSET BY AD AND  
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LOOKS UPON IT AS PART OF ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN WHICH

STARTED WITH FALSE REPORTS EARLY IN CURRENT MID-EAST  
CONFLICT THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN JEWS HAD COLLECTED  
25 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ISRAEL AND THAT 10 THOUSAND OF THEM  
HAD VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO ISRAEL TO FIGHT. (STEIN NOTED  
THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND JEWS IN CENTRAL  
AMERICA.) STEIN SAID KEY JEWISH LEADERS HAD ASKED HIM TO  
APPROACH EMBASSY WITH REQUEST THAT WE ISSUE STATEMENT TO  
LA NACION, NOTING (1) THAT FRANKLIN HAD NEVER BEEN PRESIDENT  
OF U.S. AND (2) IF FRANKLIN ACTUALLY MADE STATEMENTS  
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, THAT THESE STATEMENTS MADE ALMOST TWO  
HUNDRED YEARS AGO DO NOT REFLECT U.S. SENTIMENTS IN THIS  
DAY AND AGE.

3. WHILE I SYMPATHIZE WITH JEWISH LEADERS' FEELINGS ABOUT  
PUBLICATION OF AD, I BELIEVE THEY ARE OVER-REACTING TO IT  
AND I CAN SEE NO REAL PURPOSE IN GETTING INTO POSSIBLE  
WRANGLE IN THE PRESS OVER WHAT FRANKLIN MAY OR MAY NOT  
HAVE SAID. HOWEVER, I AM BRINGING STEIN'S APPROACH TO  
DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION AS IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT  
GUATEMALAN JEWISH LEADERS WILL WRITE TO JEWISH LEADERS  
IN THE US ABOUT THIS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.  
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